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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appl. No.	:	PCT/BE98/00124	)	
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Date	:	August 20, 1998	)	
For	:	PEROXISOME-ASSOCIATED POLYPEPTIDE, NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ENCODING SAID POLYPEPTIDE AND THEIR USES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND/OR TREATMENT OF LUNG INJURIES AND DISEASES, AND OF OXIDATIVE STRESS- RELATED DISORDERS	)	
Examiner	:	Unknown	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1 of the Specification after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the Invention, on line 13, please insert ~~+This U.S. National Phase application claims priority under~~  
35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/BE98/00124, filed August 20, 1998, which claims priority of Belgian application BE 9700692, filed August 20, 1997.<sup>14</sup>

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